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Clark County nurse practitioner faces restrictions

OLYMPIA — An advanced registered nurse practitioner and registered nurse in Clark County can't prescribe Schedule II narcotics because the treatment she provided did not meet practice standards.

Kelly M. Bell (AP30005937, RN00075082) has agreed to the restriction. The Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission and the state Department of Health acted after investigating multiple complaints from pharmacists and clients.

Bell may not prescribe Schedule II narcotics for a minimum of 24 months. She must ask for the privilege to be reinstated if she wants to resume prescribing the medications. Bell must complete a graduate level degree program in pain management before she makes this request. The commission will audit Bell's practice to ensure compliance during the restriction.

The statement of charges and order are on "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency's home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). They're also available by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally should call that number to report the complaint.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects and promotes public health and safety in Washington by regulating nurses. Rules, policies, and procedures developed by the commission promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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